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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Foreign-Trade Zones Board (B-08-2017)

Foreign-Trade Zone 157 – Casper, Wyoming Application for Reorganization under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Casper/Natrona County International Airport, grantee of FTZ 157, requesting authority to reorganize the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or "usage-driven" FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee's "service area" in the context of the FTZ Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on January 17, 2017.

FTZ 157 was approved by the FTZ Board on January 19, 1989 (Board Order 426, 54 FR 5532, February 3, 1989) and expanded on September 3, 2010 (Board Order 1707, 75 FR 56987-56988, September 17, 2010).

The current zone includes the following sites: <u>Site 1</u> (492 acres) – Casper/Natrona County International Airport, 8500 Airport Parkway, Casper; and, <u>Site 2</u> (984 acres) – Casper Logistics Hub, 6 Mile Road and Morgan Street, Casper.

The grantee's proposed service area under the ASF would be a portion of Natrona County, Wyoming, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies' needs for FTZ designation. The application indicates that the proposed service area is within and adjacent to the Casper, Wyoming U.S. Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The applicant is requesting authority to reorganize its existing zone to include both of the existing sites as "magnet" sites. The ASF allows for the possible exemption of one magnet site

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from the "sunset" time limits that generally apply to sites under the ASF, and the applicant

proposes that Site 1 be so exempted. No subzones/usage-driven sites are being requested at

this time.

In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ Staff is

designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the

application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the FTZ Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to

the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt

is [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be

submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to [INSERT DATE 75 DAYS AFTER DATE OF

PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the

Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of

Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading

Room" section of the FTZ Board's website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz. For

further information, contact Christopher Kemp at Christopher.Kemp@trade.gov or (202) 482-

0862.

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